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03	Or. VS. Mehta of HOD of Neuro Surgery & Chief of N.S. Centre	Voluntary Retirement	Prof,	21.08.81	01.04.06	No specific reasons indicated
04	Dr. Renu Misra Prof, of Obst. & Gynae.	Voluntary Retirement	Addl.	01.09.93	16.05.06	No specific reasons indicated
05	Dr. S.M. Batharia Prof, of Ophthalmology	Voluntary Retirement	Ex-	11.06.79	05.06.06	Due to Personal reasons

Deaths of children due to various diseases

† 1248. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in the cases of deaths of children suffering from meningitis, pneumonia and septumia due to malnutrition and poverty in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the number of children dying of these diseases in creche, nursery and play schools has been found alarmingly high;

(c) whether the number of deaths of children as a result of meningitis, pneumonia and septumia has increased due to the increasing resistance to pencillin and other antibiotics; and

(d) the details of special measures taken by Government to save the children from the above diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The data relating to mortality of children due to meningitis, pneumonia and septumia and children dying of these diseases in creche, nursery and play schools is not centrally maintained. However, no increase has been noticed in

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total number of deaths due to pneumonia and meningitis during the period from 2001 to 2005.

(c) The anti-microbial resistance of different pathogen responsible for meningitis and pneumonia to different microbial agents has definitely increased in the last few years.

(d) Integrated Disease surveillance Project (IDSP) has been launched in 2004 by the Government to strengthen surveillance activities and to promote early detection of outbreak and to institute appropriate action for prevention and control of meningitis. Under the Reproductive Child Health (RCH) Programme, interventions in the form of Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood illness (IMNCI) have been envisaged for prevention of deaths due to acute respiratory infections, sepsis malnutrition etc. National Rural Health Management (NRHM) programme also aims for prevention and treatment of micronutrient deficiencies. Medical and Para-Medical staff is being trained for treatment of pneumonia in children under the age of five years. In addition, the immunization programme provides protection against six vaccine preventable diseases, some of which cause respiratory morbidity.

Increase of medicine prices due to Patent Act

† 1249. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI:
SHRI SITARAM YECHURY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any increase of prices of medicine in the last one year particularly after the Parliament passed Third Amendment to the Indian Patent Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof major brand-wise and the variation of price, region-wise;

(c) whether Government are taking any steps to control the spiraling of medicine prices; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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